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FOL TEL SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM STATE 01 OCT 73
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1. SPECIAL MEETING ICAC STANDING COMMITTEE HELD OCTOBER 1. U.S. DELEGATE STATED USG UNABLE PARTICIPATE NEW DELHI ICAC PLENARY UNLESS GOI PERMITS ENTRY ALL MEMBER DELEGATIONS WISHING TO ATTEND.

2. INDIAN DELEGATE RAMAKRISHNA REPEATED INVITATION TO MEET NEW DELHI STATING PROVISION COULD BE MADE FOR ISRAEL TO ATTEND BUT NOT RPT NOT TAIWAN OR PORTUGAL.

3. U.S. DELEGATE PROPOSED SPECIAL PLENARY MEETING BE CONVENED OCTOBER 5 WHEN USG WOULD (1) SUBMIT MOTION THAT ICAC DECLINE GOI INVITATION BECAUSE INVITATION TO "ALL MEMBERS" WHICH WAS ACCEPTED AT 31ST PLENARY IN MANAGUA HAD NOT IN FACT BEEN EXTENDED AND (2) PROPOSE AMENDMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY GOVERNMENT WHICH OFFERS TO HOST PLENARY MEETING MUST PERMIT ALL MEMBERS OF ICAC TO ATTEND.
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4. INDIAN DELEGATE THEN RAISED SERIES OF PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO BLOCK RECONSIDERATION OF NEW DELHI AS PLENARY SITE AND, FAILING IN THIS, TO DELAY RECONSIDERATION OF VENUE. NET RESULT OF ENSUING PROCEDURAL SQUABBLE NECESSITATED STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 3 WHICH WILL THEN CALL SPECIAL PLENARY OCTOBER 5 TO CONSIDER USG PROPOSALS.

5. GOI POSITION WAS FIRMLY STATED AND SEEMED FINAL. ITS DELAYING TACTICS MAY INDICATE LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS. NEEDLESS TO SAY, USG REMAINS COMMITTED TO COURSE OF ACTION CONTAINED STATE 190666. KISSINGER UNQTE KISSINGER

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